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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1631**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

CAWSE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1631

Application No.: 09/595,005

Examiner: Channing S. Mahatan

Filed: June 16, 2000

For: HIGH THROUGHPUT SCREENING METHOD AND SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

Claims 1 to 12 and 16 to 21 are pending. An August 10, 2004 Final Rejection rejected claims 1 to 12 and 16 to 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Reconsideration is requested for the following reasons.

I. 35 U.S.C. 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH REJECTION

Claims 1 to 12 and 16 to 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

The August 10, 2004 Final Rejection states that "Amendment of including "catalytic turnover number" is considered NEW MATTER," August 10, 2004 Final Rejection page 3. Further, the Final Rejection states:

[The term "catalyst turnover number"] was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention

August 10, 2004 Final Rejection, page 2.